

## City News in Brief

Samuel Taylor of Richmond, Mo., is visiting friends in the Cape.

George Mattingly of Charleston was a Cape visitor Friday.

R. E. Estel of Perryville was in the Cape Friday on a business trip.

Kent Wilson of Jackson made a hurried business trip to the Cape Friday afternoon.

E. B. Houser of Benton is spending a few days in the Cape looking after some business matters.

Postmaster E. W. Flentge departed for St. Louis on a business trip Thursday night. He will probably return today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Franklin of Eminence Mo., are visiting in the Cape.

Sheriff William Summers came over from Jackson on official business Friday.

Albert Liddy, manager of the Oak Ridge branch of the Goodwin & Jean Poultry Co., was in the Cape on a business trip Friday.

H. J. Slat of South Bend, Ind., was in the Cape Friday attending to some business matters.

Leo Wingerter and Ignatius Bleckle were in the Cape Friday, settling up some accounts with the C. G. & N. Ry. Co.

Miss Zeta Gile of Perryville passed through the Cape Saturday evening on her way to Sikeston where she will spend a short time visiting with relatives and friends.

Charles Reiker has entered into a contract for the erection of some brick construction work in Advance, and will perhaps remain in that city for some time.

Dr. M. E. Shelton, who was found in a helpless condition in his office Thursday night, is now in St. Francis Hospital. He is still in a very critical condition, but late last night was reported as being somewhat improved, and resting easier.

J. A. Foster of Morley, one of Scott County's biggest and best known cantaloupe growers, was in the city yesterday with a large consignment of his luscious product which he disposed of to local buyers.

Mrs. John Reed, whose husband is the foreman of the Frisco blacksmith shop in this city, underwent a delicate and dangerous operation at the hospital yesterday morning. She bore up well under the trying ordeal and at this time is getting along nicely and resting quietly.

A. H. Burnett, who carries on an extensive business in the fishing line, at Neelys Landing, was in the Cape Saturday with a big consignment of catfish which he disposed of to the local dealers. Mr. Burnett is said to be one of the biggest fishermen along the river, and most of his catch is shipped to St. Louis and city markets further East.

Charles Bock, a prominent dredge expert from New Madrid is in the city where he is consulting with Mr. Otto Kochitzky on matters pertaining to drainage. Mr. Bock states that the lower country is so dry that both dredge boats he has in control are on dry land with not sufficient water to permit their operation.

A man by the name of Gibson was arrested by Officer Jeff Hutson, Thursday night, charged with having insulted some ladies whom he met on the street. He was tried Friday morning, found guilty and given five days in jail.

Mr. Frank Seib, proprietor of the S. E. Mo. Cigar Co., in this city, recently sold his 200 acre farm near Dexter, for the sum of \$15,000. The deal was closed on July 9th. Mr. Seib contemplates constructing a new factory building in the near future.

Robert Bauman, formerly of this city, now one of the leading business men of Belleville, is here closing the business affairs of his mother, who now resides at St. Francis Hospital. Her property was sold to William Borman, another son, for a consideration of \$1,400.

J. Barton and family of Springfield, Mo., arrived in the Cape Friday. They expect to make this city their home in the future, and Mr. Barton will engage in the mercantile business as soon as he can select a suitable location.

Dix Walker of Oak Ridge was visiting in the Cape Tuesday.

Lee Wilson of St. Louis was in the Cape yesterday visiting friends.

Mrs. F. M. Sikes of Sikeston was a Cape visitor Tuesday.

Joseph Smith of Kelso was a Cape visitor Tuesday.

Bern Peterman of Jackson was a Cape visitor Tuesday.

Dr. Henry Rodenmayer of Kelso was in the Cape Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

John Owens, a lumberman of Greenbrier is in the Cape transacting business with local lumber dealers.

A fine big boy arrived at the home of Rudolph Sanders on South Boulevard, Tuesday afternoon.

D. A. Reissaus, cashier of the First National Bank of Chaffee was in the Cape Tuesday looking after some business interests.

H. H. Johnson and James Priest of Poplar Bluff are here figuring on a painting contract with some of the local builders.

Sim Layton the man who created much excitement in Haarig Monday evening while in a state of temporary insanity, was taken to his home in Perryville Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hiney returned Tuesday from Piedmont, where they accompanied the remains of Senator Yancey who was buried in that city Monday. Mr. Yancey was Mrs. Hiney's father.

Albert Fenwick, the day clerk at the Idaho-departed Saturday for Perryville, his old home, where he will spend his vacation. His brother Clyde Fenwick came down from Perryville yesterday morning in an automobile, and Albert accompanied him home.

Good Hope Camp No. 703, W. O. W. held a regular meeting at their hall Friday evening. In addition to the regular routine of business, two new members were initiated and three applicants for membership were voted on and accepted.

Anton Haas returned from Oran Friday afternoon, after completing the construction of a large store building in that city for Mr. Caleb Masters. He expects to begin work at once on the construction of a building for the Cape Brewery & Ice Co., on Louisiana Avenue.

E. E. Alexander and H. S. Stewart of Blythesville, Ark., after visiting a few days in the Cape with Mr. Alexander's brother, Judge H. E. Alexander, left for St. Louis Friday. After visiting for a short time in that city, they will continue their journey to Denver where they expect to spend several weeks.

A. Welpuetz closed a deal Friday for the purchase of a valuable lot on Middle street just south of the Welpuetz bakery. The lot was purchased from Mr. Henry Miller. It is Mr. Welpuetz' intention to have the old building removed from the property to make room for a big concrete barn and garage. The work will begin as soon as the extreme hot weather abates.

Sheriff Stubbfield of Caruthersville delivered a prisoner to the County Jail at Jackson, Thursday night, where he will be held for safe keeping until the opening of Circuit Court in Pemiscot county next fall. After delivering this prisoner to the Cape county authorities, Sheriff Stubbfield, continued his journey to Jefferson City with another prisoner who has been sentenced to the penitentiary.

Navier Frank and Henry Reiker left early Saturday morning for the wild blackberry brambles a few miles South of the city, and returned with nearly 15 gallons of choice berries early in the afternoon. They state that the berries were plentiful but that the heat was almost unbearable and that they were compelled to do without water for nearly five hours. Mr. Frank who is a locomotive fireman on the Frisco says that he prefers to run a big engine all day without pay than to repeat his blackberrying experience of yesterday.

A young man in the employ of the Frisco as telegraph operator at Protagerville passed through this city yesterday morning on his way to St. Louis where he will enter the Company hospital. He was quite sick when he reached this place and Dr. D. H. Hope, the local Frisco physician met him at the train and rendered him medical service before he continued his journey on to St. Louis.

J. E. Milham of Glen Allen paid the Cape a hurried business visit Tuesday.

John Doyle has been quite sick for several days, but has sufficiently recovered to resume his work.

George Diffin of Monroe, La., is spending a few days in the Cape transacting business.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Retta Fisher, in Judge Willer's court yesterday, on the complaint of Bertha Jester.

Dr. M. E. Shelton is reported to be failing rapidly, and at this time but little hope is entertained for his recovery. His son James Shelton arrived yesterday from Chicago.

Mrs. Martin Lorberg and children returned yesterday from Neelys Landing where they have been visiting Mrs. Lorberg's sister.

Charles D. Matthews, Jr., banker of Sikeston, with his brother Ned came to the Cape yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bergmann.

Hiram Buffright a regular offender was in Judge Willer's court yesterday on the charge of disturbing the peace of Lily Simpson. Hiram was found guilty and not being able to pay his fine, was sent to Jackson to do a few weeks service in jail. All the parties to the trouble were negroes.

Mr. G. F. Siemers, candidate for re-nomination for Recorder, was in the city from Jackson Tuesday attending the funeral of Mrs. Bergmann. Mr. Siemers has served the people of Cape County in the capacity of Recorder for eight years, and has so performed the duties of that office that he has won both the influence and support of not only the entire Republican party but a large number of Democrats, as well.

The valuable horse that disappeared from the stable of Robert Nunn a few nights ago, has not yet been recovered.

Mr. Nunn received word Saturday evening that an animal answering the description of the one he lost, was seen about four miles north of town on the Sprigg street road sometime Saturday afternoon. He left this morning for that locality where he will continue his search.

Mrs. W. C. Bergman, an aged lady, the mother of W. F. Bergman of the firm of Bergman & Bartles, was conveyed from her residence to St. Francis Hospital last night at about 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Bergman is in a very critical condition and there is said to be but little hope for her recovery.

She has been sick for a long time, and was recently operated upon in a St. Louis hospital, after which she was brought back to the Cape. After arriving home her condition continued to grow worse, until it was finally decided to remove her to St. Francis Hospital in order that she might have the special advantages for which they are prepared in the way of nursing and medical attention.

While Mrs. Ethel Coucy was confined in the hospital in this city, her life despaired of by her physicians, her little home in Malden, containing all her treasured keepsakes, and every thing in the way of household goods was completely destroyed by fire.

The disaster occurred several days ago, and when Mrs. Coucy had reached a state of convalescence that would warrant her being advised of this later misfortune, she made up her mind to return to Malden as soon as her health would permit, and view the ruins of what was once her home.

Feeble from her prolonged illness, but fixed in her purpose, immediately after her discharge from the hospital last Monday, she departed for Malden still hopeful that the reports she had received would be disproven and that there would be a welcome for her in the little domicile which by her own hands had been made an inviting and cheerful retreat. She was doomed to disappointment, however, and when she returned to this city yesterday afternoon, she appeared to be heart broken.

When she reached Malden, the disheartening reports she had received were all substantiated. The house had been reduced to a heap of ashes, and all its contents were completely lost.

Immediately upon her return to the Cape she was conveyed to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hook, where she will be cared for until the arrival of her husband Mr. H. C. Coucy, who is a traveling salesman, and is now away on a Southern trip in the interests of his company.

The fire destroyed the Coucy home originated from the sparks of a passing automobile, and at the time of its occurrence both Mr. and Mrs. Coucy were out of the city.

## FREAK RAIN NEAR ILLMO

Field Flooded and Road Beside It is Untouched

When James Varner, manager of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., in this city, returned from a Southern trip yesterday afternoon, he related a remarkable story concerning a rain storm he had witnessed while on the train between Anceil and Illmo.

Mr. Varner says that he has watched it shower while the sun was shining and that he had heard of it raining frogs and small fishes, but the storm that he recently saw was possessed of features different from anything he had ever before experienced.

Mr. Varner stated to a Tribune representative that while riding through a big corn field, he stood in the rear of the back coach and saw a down-pour of rain on one side of the track wash the growing corn, out by the roots and carry it across the country, while on the other side of the track there was not even a sprinkle and a blinding cloud of dust rose from the breezes caused by the speeding train. One half of the track was entirely submerged while the dry, dusty white ties showed on the other half. After crossing the field, Mr. Varner stated that the train left the range of the storm completely, and for a short distance ran almost parallel with a county highway extending along the outer edge of the field. Two teams were seen mired down on one side of the road, while on the other side, and but a few feet away, the children who had been riding in the foundered wagons were working to get the rigs out of the mud.

Mr. Varner declares that he is not mistaken, and that while some people have seemed inclined to be incredulous, the story is true and he is able to produce ample proof to back up his assertions.

## J. S. THOMASON IS BURIED.

A large delegation of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen came up from Chaffee yesterday morning to attend the funeral of J. S. Thomason whose remains were brought down from St. Louis yesterday for burial at this place.

Mrs. Thomason accompanied the body down from St. Louis, and a large delegation from that city also attended.

The burial took place shortly after noon, and the Blythesville train was held twenty minutes in order that the Chaffee delegation might not be delayed on their return.

Mr. Thomason was for many years employed in the train service of the Frisco system, and during most of the time has made his home in Chaffee. He was stricken with paralysis some time ago and was taken to the hospital in St. Louis where he was operated upon, but without success. He failed to rally and died a short time after the operation was performed. Mrs. Thomason returned to Chaffee where she will make her home in the future.

## AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE HIT.

Robert Harrison's Auto Bumps Into Cycle at Intersection of Streets.

An automobile driven by Robert Harrison collided with a motorcycle yesterday evening at the corner of Spanish and Merriwether streets, and the rider of the motorcycle, Mr. Mitchell, was thrown from his seat, sustaining slight injuries about his head and one shoulder. The motorcycle was damaged considerably and had to be hauled into the garage for repairs.

The accident occurred at about six o'clock in the evening. Young Harrison was driving North on Spanish street, at a moderate speed when the motorcycle dashed suddenly in front of him at the crossing of Merriwether street.

From the direction he was coming, Mr. Harrison was unable to see the motorcycle until too late to avoid contact.

Mr. Mitchell is an employe of the Portland Cement works located just South of this city, and was returning from his work at the time of the accident. He was taken to his home where a physician quickly followed. He was considerably shaken up, but his injuries are not serious.

R. L. Edwards and wife of Charleston arrived in the Cape Tuesday with the expectation of making this city their home in the future. Mr. Edwards is in poor health and thinks that the change in altitude will be beneficial.

E. M. Henning, Dr. A. F. Henning, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Henning, and E. Henning, all old Cape residents, came down from St. Louis on the steamer Cape Girardeau, and returned on the boat in the afternoon.



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Frank Williams a prominent farmer from East Cape was in the city yesterday with a big load of farm products.

Mrs. Claud Windingham is quite sick in St. John's hospital in St. Louis, where she has been for several days. She underwent an operation last Saturday, and at this time is improving rapidly.

Dale Reed came over from Jackson Tuesday to arrange for a boxing exhibition with Eddie Labreuer, the local pugilist, to be held at Jackson during the Home Comers' celebration.

Oscar Dueley, Ollie Pate and J. O. Dudley of Nettleton, Ark., arrived in the Cape yesterday with a car load of bananas which they will dispose of to the local dealers.